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1<sup>st</sup> Inventor: J. Kawakami

For: Process for the Preparation of Imidazole  
Derivatives

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Examiner: J. Murphy

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Election of Claims

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I (claims 1, 5-9, 11-17 and 35) in the present application without traverse.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, she is respectfully invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 20, 2002

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